



BY THE  
**Lord Lieutenant**  
AND  
**C O U N C I L .**

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**W**HEREAS His Majesty by his Letters, under his Royal Signet, and Sign Manual, bearing Date at his Court at Whitehall, the fifth day of September 1672. hath signified unto us the Lord Lieutenant and Council, That his Majesty by Letters Patents, under his Great Seal of England, bearing Date the Eighth day of May, in the Thirteenth year of his Reign, had nominated, constituted and ordained his Trusty and well-beloved John Ogleby Esq; Master of the Revels and Pasques in this Kingdom, and by his said Letters Patents impowered the said John Ogleby, or his lawful Deputy or Deputies, to erect and keep an Office, to be known and called by the name of The Revells Office, Impowering the said John Ogleby, or his Assigns, to tolerate and admit any other person or persons, by his or their Order under Hand and Seal, to Act and Shew all Tragedies, Comedies, Opera's and Interludes whatsoever, in all Cities, Burroughs, Towns Corporate, and other place and places whatsoever, within this his Majesties Kingdom of Ireland. Provided the said Comedies, Tragedies Opera's Interludes, or other Shews whatsoever be decent, or becoming and not prophane, or obnoxious; And that his Majesty by the said Letters Patents did strictly charge and command all Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Head-Burroughs, and all other his Officers and Ministers within this Kingdom, to suppress from time to time all Playes and Interludes whatsoever, that should be presented, contrary to the meaning and intent of his Majesties said Letters Patents, and also that all Mayors &c. should be aiding, helping and assisting to the said John Ogleby, his heirs and Assigns, in the suppressing thereof, and the apprehending of all such Common Players and others, as shall presume to Act any Stage Playes or Interludes whatsoever, without Licence as aforesaid. And whereas his Majesty in and by his said Letters, hath further signified unto us, That complaint hath been made unto his Majesty by the said John Ogleby, That several persons of good behaviour, travelling with Banners, Motions, Shews, and other Playes and Interludes in any through this Kingdom, (Notwithstanding they are Licenced in pursuance of his Majesties said Letters Patents) upon their application to the Mayors, Sovereigns, Bayliffs, Probolls, Portreeves, and other chiefe Magistrate or Magistrates of the Cities, Towns, Burroughs, and other Places within this Kingdom, they the said Magistrates have, and still do peruse in imprisoning the said Persons during their pleasure, notwithstanding the said Persons are Licenced as aforesaid, and that afterwards the said Mayors, Sovereigns, Bayliffs, Probolls, Portreeves, or other the Chief Magistrate or Magistrates in contempt of his Majesties Prerogative, and the Power by his Majesty, given to the said Master of the Revels, do of themselves Tolerate, Allow, and Indulge the same Persons with the same Banners, Shews, Opera's, Interludes, and Playes, and countenance and encourage Dancers on the Ropes, and others, to Act, Play, and Shew in the Cities, Towns, Burroughs and other Places in this Kingdom, without being Examined and Licenced by his Majesties said Master of the Revels, or his Assigns as aforesaid, to the prejudice of his Majesties Royal Prerogative, and Loss of the Advantages and benefits intended by his Majesty, to the said Master of the Revels. And whereas his Majesty in and by his said Letters, have thought fit to Will and Require us, forthwith to Issue out a Proclamation to all Cities, Towns, Burroughs, and other Places, Requiring all Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, portreeves, and other Officer or Officers whatsoever to be Aiding and Assisting unto the said Master of the Revels, or his Assigns, and not Infringe or Trespass on his Priviledges and Authority, according to his Majesties said Letters Patents. These are therefore in his Majesties Name, according to the Tenor of his Majesties Royal Will and Pleasure signified unto us, in and by his Majesties said Letters, to Command and Require all Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Portreeves, Sovereigns, and other Magistrates, Officers, and Ministers whom it may concern, to take due notice of his Majesties Royal Will and Pleasure herein made known to them, and that they be Aiding and Assisting to the said Master of the Revels, or his Assigns, and do not Infringe or Trespass upon any the Priviledges or Authorities granted unto him, in and by his Majesties said Letters Patents, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils. Given at the Council-Chamber in Dublin, the Seventh day of February 1672. And in the Five and Twentieth Year of his Majesties Reign.

Thomond.

H: Ingoldesby.

Theo: Jones.

A. Chichester. Mau: Eustace.

Char: Meredyth.

GOD Save the KING.

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